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AND RADIOPACITY CHARACTERISTICS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop NO FEE Honorable Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant, by the undersigned attorney hereby files a Preliminary Amendment with regard to the above-referenced patent application which is a Divisional Application of parent application Serial No. 09/899,142. Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

Amendment to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.